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## **VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire Chief Clerk & Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100 Columbia, South Carolina 29210

RE: South Carolina Energy Freedom Act (House Bill 3659) Proceeding Related to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-37-40 and Integrated Resource Plans for Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC Docket No: **2019-224-E** 

South Carolina Energy Freedom Act (House Bill 3659) Proceeding Related to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-37-40 and Integrated Resource Plans for Duke Energy Progress, LLC Docket No: **2019-225-E** 

Dear Ms. Boyd,

Pursuant to the cover letter filed with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") on February 5, 2021, ORS requested that Commission provisionally treat the testimony of Mr. Sandonato and Mr. Kollen as confidential and keep it under seal. In the cover letter, ORS requested that the Commission grant Duke Energy Progress, LLC and Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (collectively referred to herein as "Duke") fourteen (14) days to respond and indicate the specific portions of Mr. Sandonato's and Mr. Kollen's testimony that it believes are entitled to confidential protection and why such protection is warranted. ORS committed that upon receipt of Duke's designations, ORS would review the designations, make any revisions necessary to the testimonies filed on February 5, 2021, and refile the testimonies of Mr. Sandonato and Mr. Kollen.

Counsel for Duke has indicated to ORS the specific sections of the testimony of Mr. Sandonato<sup>1</sup> that Duke believes are entitled to confidential protection and the justifications for such. Accordingly, while ORS reserves its right to make objections to a utilities' designations of confidentiality on a case-by-case basis, in this case, ORS does not object to the designations that Duke has made.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Pursuant to the updated designations, Mr. Kollen's testimony no longer contains any provisions over which Duke claims confidentiality.

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Please see enclosed revised versions of the Direct Testimonies of Mr. Sandonato (both confidential and public), Mr. Kollen and Mr. Hayet.<sup>2</sup> The only changes are the revisions to redactions pursuant to communications with counsel for Duke and a correction to the pagination. ORS respectfully requests that the enclosed be filed as the public version of the Direct Testimonies of Mr. Sandonato and Kollen, while the Commission maintain the complete and unredacted version, which contains material labeled confidential by Duke, under seal.

Sincerely,

s/Andrew M. Bateman

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cc: All Parties of Record (via E-mail) David Butler, Esquire (via E-mail) JoAnn Wessinger Hill (via E-mail)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>The pagination between the confidential and non-confidential testimonies, which were filed with the Commission on February 5, 2021, was inadvertently mis-aligned. This revised filing corrects that error. Two footnotes in Mr. Hayet's Direct Testimony have been updated to reflect corrected page references.